(c) Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Declaration of hindus as minorities

1533. DR. KARAN SINGH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Notification dated the 23rd October, 1993 with regard to the National Commission for Minorities Act, 1992 has defined only five communities as minorities-Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists and Zoroastrians (Parsis);

(b) whether the Government are aware that in at least 5 States like Jammu & Kashmir, Punjab, Meghalaya, Mizoram and Nagaland and the Union Territory of Lakshadweep, Hindus are in minority; and

(c) if so, whether in these States Hindus would fall within the purview of the National Commission for Minorities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

Reservation in Private Sector

†1534. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether major industrial houses of the country have written to Government denying job reservation to the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes in the private sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the names of such industrial houses; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.